

**City Council Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2025**

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Cardwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and announced a quorum was present. Those present were Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Raines, Councilmember Melanie Payne, Councilmember Jennifer Hill, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, City Secretary Jenni Moore, Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy, City Admin Staff Brittany Mayhue and City Admin Staff Michelle Peterson.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Cardwell led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Hill led the invocation.

3. Mayor Update.

Mayor Crystal Cardwell shared regarding the Wise County Mayor's coalition and the Regional Water District, explaining what their goals are as well as regarding her trip to Austin to meet with other leaders regarding these subjects.

4. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consider and act on the following items:

A. Council Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2025

B. Accounts Payables for January 2025

C. Financial Statements for January 2025

D. Staff Reports- Municipal Court, Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Public Works for January 2025

Councilmember Hill motioned to accept items A-D as a whole. Mayor Pro Tem Raines second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

6. Consider and act on a resolution approving financing by the Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation for the benefit of Annunciation Orthodox School and related matters.

Ted Christensen spoke regarding this financing and what it involved. Councilmember Hill motioned to approve the resolution for financing by the Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation for the benefit of Annunciation Orthodox School and related matters. Mayor Pro Tem Raines second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

7. Consider and act on a resolution authorizing Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation Education Revenue Bonds (The Huguen Center, Inc.) Series 2025A and Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation taxable education revenue bonds (The Huguen Center, Inc.) Series 2025B; loan agreement; trust indenture; a public hearing; and other matters in connection therewith.

Ted Christensen spoke regarding this financing and what it involved. Councilmember Payne motioned to approve the resolution authorizing Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation Education Revenue Bonds (The Huguen Center, Inc) Series 2025A and Newark

Higher Education Finance Corporation taxable education revenue bonds (The Hughen Center, Inc.) Series 2025B; loan agreement; trust indenture; a public hearing; and other matters in connection therewith. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

8. **Public Hearing: Replat submission request from Maritsa Del Rosario Hernandez Lopez, for property located in the City of Newark, 2.1400 Acres out of the Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract No. 93.**

Mayor Cardwell opened the public hearing at 7:09pm. There were no public comments. Mayor Cardwell closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.

9. **Consider and act on the replat submission request from Maritsa Del Rosario Hernandez Lopez, for property located in the City of Newark, 2.1400 Acres out of the Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract No. 93.**

Mayor Pro Tem Raines motioned to approve the replat submission request from Maritsa Del Rosario Hernandez Lopez, for property located in the City of Newark, 2.1400 Acres out of Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract No.93. Councilmember Payne second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

10. **Public Hearing: Replat submission request from Stephen Watson, for property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, 2.5500 Acres out of the Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract No. 29 and 0.9500 Acres out of the W.W.O. Stanfield Survey Abstract No. 783.**

Mayor Cardwell opened the public hearing at 7:13 pm. There were no public comments. Mayor Cardwell closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm.

11. **Consider and act on the replat submission request from Stephen Watson, for property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, 2.5500 Acres out of the Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract No. 29 and 0.9500 Acres out of the W.W.O. Stanfield Survey Abstract No. 783.**

Mayor Pro Tem Raines motioned to approve the replat request from Stephen Watson, for property located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, 2.5500 Acres out of the Cain T. Brush Survey, Abstract No. 29 and 0.9500 Acres out of the W.W.O. Stanfield Survey Abstract No. 783. Councilmember Hill second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

12. **Public Hearing: Rezone request for the property located at 509 Main Street, Property ID 732903, A-93 CT Brush 10.3000 Acres from Single-Family Residential District 1 (SF-1) use to Planned Development District (PD).**

Mayor Cardwell opened the public hearing at 7:16 pm. Public comments were:

Dennis Nash of 207 Killough St., Newark spoke regarding his concerns over traffic safety that may become an issue with this new development coming in.

Ron Ramirez of 3000 Race St. of Fort Worth spoke as a representative of the clients requesting the zoning change. Mr. Ramirez requested that the council/city staff be open to streamlining the process as this has taken longer than expected for the rezoning. He requested the council to agree to signing a developer's agreement withing 30 days.

Mayor Cardwell closed the public hearing at 7:22 pm.

13. **Consider and act on the rezoning request for the property located 509 Main Street, Property ID 732903, A-93 CT Brush 10.3000 Acres from Single-Family Residential District 1 (SF-1) use to Planned Development District (PD).**

Mayor Pro Tem informed Mr. Ramirez that the city/council could not commit to a 30-day timeline for the developer's agreement, but that they were committed to assisting in moving this process along as quickly as possible. Councilmember Hill motioned to approved the rezoning request for the property located at 509 Main Street, Property ID 732903, A-93 CT Brush 10.3000 Acres from Single-Family Residential District 1 (SF-1) use to Planned Development District (PD). Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

14. **Discuss, consider and act on an Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Newark, Aurora, Alvord, Boyd, Bridgeport, Decatur, New Fairview, Paradise, and Rhome, and Wise County, Texas, to seek regional options for solutions for the water and wastewater needs of the communities, and designate the City of New Fairview as the facilitator and funds coordinator of the \$10,000 contributed by the City of Newark under Resolution No. 369.**

Councilmember Payne motioned to accept the Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Newark, Aurora, Alvord, Boyd, Bridgeport, Decatur, New Fairview, Paradise and Rhome, and Wise County, Texas to seek regional options for solutions for the water and wastewater needs of the communities, and designate the City of New Fairview as the facilitator and funds coordinator of the \$10,000 contributed by the City of Newark under Resolution No. 369. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

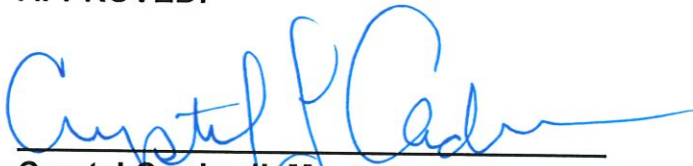
15. **Discuss, consider and act on the Code Enforcement violations for the property located at 527 Pettit.**

Code Enforcement Office Devon Kennedy spoke regarding the concerns of the violations of this property and how it has been an issue for years. Mr. Kennedy shared how he has issued multiple citations and has made many efforts to work with the homeowner to rectify this situation, but he is now asking the council to allow for up to \$5000 to clean up the property and seek an administrative search warrant from the judge for this property. Mayor Pro Tem Raines motioned to approve up to \$5000 for code enforcement to clean up the property located at 527 Pettit St. and to enforce the ordinance of the lien plus 10%, and to obtain any search warrants that are needed for this matter. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved. Motion was passed.

16. **Meeting adjourned.**


Mayor Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 9:07 P.M.

APPROVED:


Crystal Cardwell, Mayor

3-26-25

Date


Jenni Moore, City Secretary

